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COLD STORAGE REPORT
AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1944

The following analysis of the cold storage situation on February 1, 1944 is based on reports from cold storage warehouses and meat packing plants to the War Food Administration.

There were significant decreases in stocks of fresh apples and pears, frozen fruits, frozen vegetables, frozen cream, creamery butter, cheese, and frozen eggs. On the other hand there were substantial increases in holdings of frozen poultry, frozen and cured beef and pork, lamb and mutton, trimmings and lard. A slight into-storage movement of shell eggs was noted for January, as contrary to usual trend for this period.

The outstanding accumulations were in frozen and cured pork and lard stocks. The into-storage movement of pork items exceeded the 5-year average (1939-43) by nearly 20 percent and lard by almost 250 percent.

The reductions in apple holdings during January were close to normal: but frozen fruits and vegetables, creamery butter and frozen eggs diminished in much heavier than average volume.

February 1, 1944 holdings of all commodities with the exception of fresh apples were greatly in excess of both those of a year earlier and the February 1 5-year average (1939-43).

The occupancy of refrigerated warehouse space on February 1, was 67 percent for coolers and 89 percent for freezers which indicates a letting up of 1 point in cooler occupancy and no apparent change in the freezer situation.

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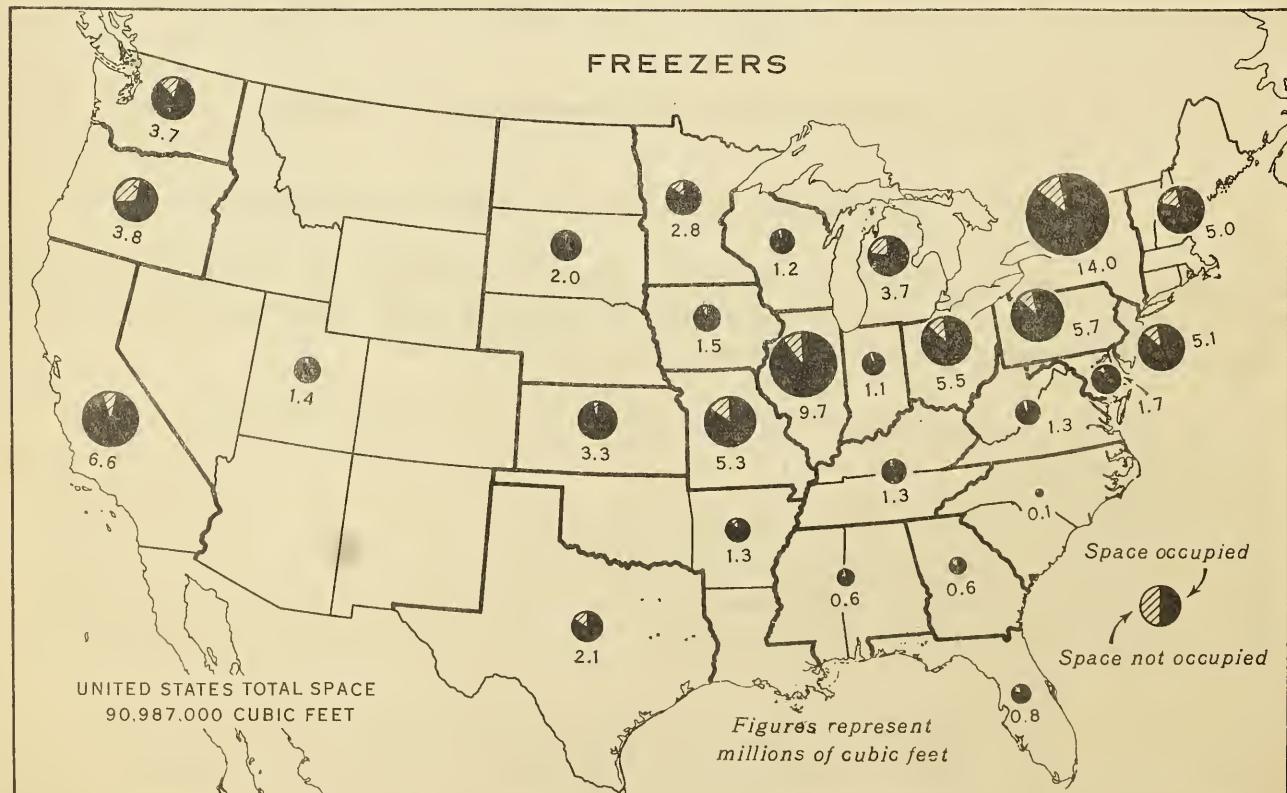
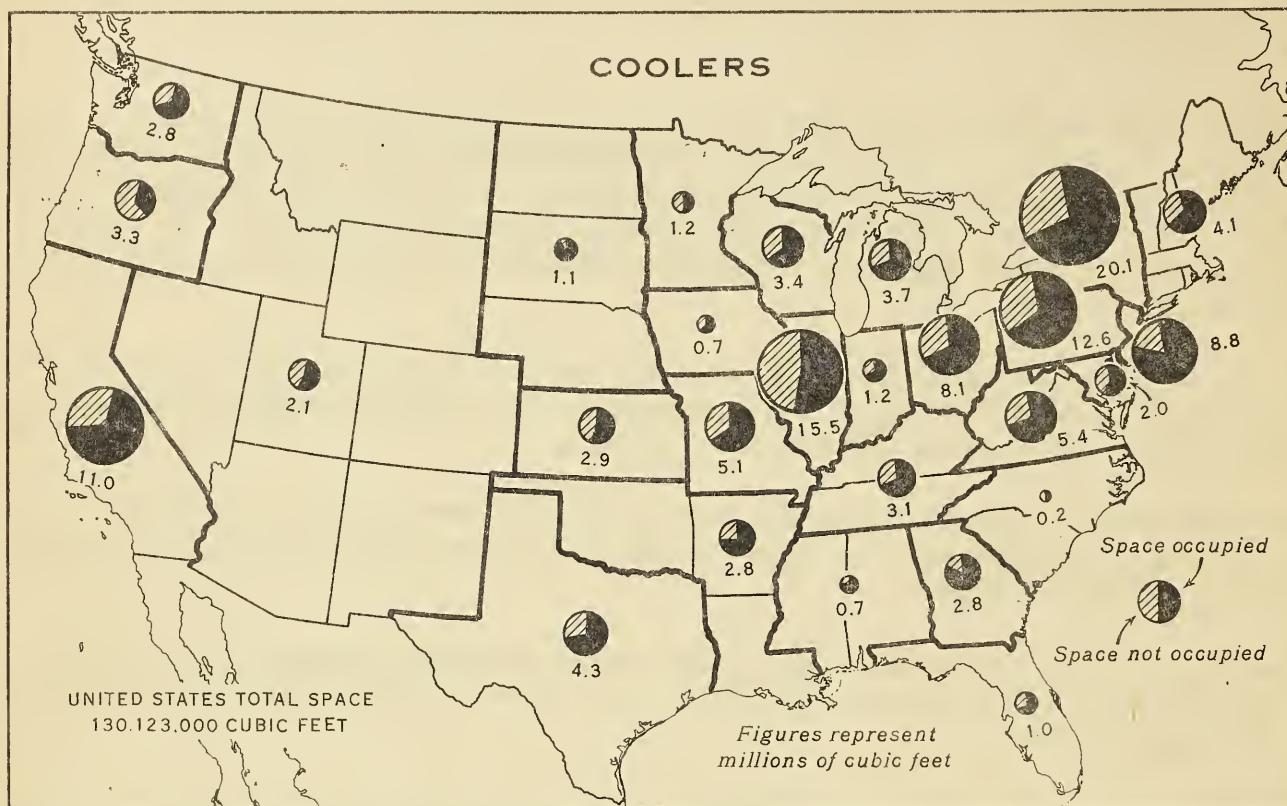
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NET PILING SPACE AND PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED IN
COOLERS AND FREEZERS IN PUBLIC COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES,
OTHER THAN APPLE HOUSES, ON FEBRUARY 1, 1944



NET PILING SPACE AND PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED IN COOLERS
AND FREEZERS IN PUBLIC COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSES OTHER THAN
APPLE HOUSES, ON JANUARY 1, AND FEBRUARY 1, 1943 AND 1944

State or Geographic Division	Net Piling Space 1/		Percentage of Space Occupied 2/							
	Cooler	Freezer	Jan. 1, 1943		Feb. 1, 1943		Jan. 1, 1944		Feb. 1, 1944 3/	
			Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	Thousand Cubic Feet	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
NEW ENGLAND.....	4,095	5,003	60	78	59	61	86	68	67	83
New York.....	20,142	13,970	64	72	66	68	73	93	71	89
New Jersey.....	8,813	5,100	84	78	82	78	78	88	82	90
Pennsylvania.....	12,601	5,665	63	78	60	70	67	93	67	91
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	41,556	24,735	68	75	68	71	73	92	72	90
Ohio.....	8,054	5,532	51	80	69	76	68	89	70	90
Indiana.....	1,207	1,085	62	79	63	84	57	93	66	96
Illinois.....	15,513	9,696	46	76	44	67	53	93	53	91
Michigan.....	3,692	3,696	66	91	63	77	74	96	70	80
Wisconsin.....	3,406	1,210	56	71	48	57	75	90	65	96
EAST NORTH CENTRAL....	31,872	21,219	52	79	54	70	63	92	62	90
Minnesota.....	1,205	2,755	37	80	46	73	50	86	51	85
Iowa.....	667	1,533	38	69	39	71	45	86	64	94
Missouri.....	5,137	5,262	56	70	56	62	64	82	66	86
No. & So. Dak. & Nebr....	1,113	1,984	55	91	62	86	77	94	92	97
Kansas.....	2,871	3,264	48	72	55	64	50	95	54	96
WEST NORTH CENTRAL...	10,993	14,798	51	76	54	70	58	86	62	89
Del., Md. & D. C.....	2,043	1,663	59	81	64	79	63	94	63	93
Virginia & W. Virginia...	5,441	1,297	81	83	71	80	79	93	73	97
No. & So. Carolina.....	248	93	33	93	30	75	59	95	56	93
Georgia.....	2,761	647	59	60	66	73	82	86	84	86
Florida.....	1,000	757	60	78	48	81	72	88	74	82
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	11,493	4,457	68	79	64	78	75	92	73	92
Kentucky & Tennessee....	3,072	1,272	55	78	46	64	66	95	69	97
Alabama & Mississippi...	748	625	82	83	69	87	88	98	82	99
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL...	3,820	1,897	60	80	51	72	70	96	71	98
Ark., La. & Okla.....	2,818	1,266	49	75	45	63	75	90	76	90
Texas.....	4,333	2,095	62	69	59	61	69	85	72	85
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL...	7,151	3,361	57	71	53	62	71	87	74	87
MOUNTAIN.....	2,059	1,445	51	86	49	88	63	94	56	95
Washington.....	2,847	3,702	51	64	48	58	62	85	57	84
Oregon.....	3,275	3,753	40	52	30	47	42	73	34	70
California.....	10,962	6,616	62	79	54	78	73	90	70	92
PACIFIC.....	17,084	14,072	57	66	50	62	67	84	64	83
UNITED STATES.....	130,123	90,987	4/60	4/75	4/59	4/69	4/68	4/89	4/67	4/89

1/ Reported to the Department of Agriculture as of June 16, 1941.

2/ Percentages for the periods covered here were made as comparable as possible.

3/ Preliminary.

4/ Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic divisions using the corresponding net piling space as weights.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Cold storage holdings of apples on February 1, 1944 totaled 15,386,000 bushels. This quantity is 8.3 million bushels less than February 1, 1943 stocks and 6.2 millions less than the 5-year (1939-43) average for that date. Holdings of frozen fruits were 208.6 million pounds or 36.5 millions heavier than those of a year earlier and 70.1 millions greater than the average. Frozen vegetable stocks were 170.1 million pounds, 77.8 millions more than a year ago and 95 million above average. The out-of-storage movement during January was 31 percent heavier than normal for frozen fruits and nearly 110 percent for vegetables.

(See table on page 8 for February 1, 1944 holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	Feb. 1			
	5-yr. av. 1939-1943	Feb. 1 1943	Jan. 1 1944	Feb. 1 1944
- Thousands -				
FRUITS, FRESH				
Apples.....barrels.....	90	38	18	9
Apples.....Western boxes.	10,146	10,575	11,014	8,215
Apples.....Eastern boxes.	1/	7,151	5,800	4,145
Apples.....bushel baskets	11,154	5,823	3,966	2,999
Total Apples.....bushels.....	21,570	23,663	20,834	15,386
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes..	11	10	23	13
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes...	9	21	15	10
Pears, all other varieties....boxes.....	767	961	663	401
Pears.....bushel baskets	29	15	23	12
Total Pears.....bushels.....	816	1,007	724	436
FRUITS, FROZEN				
Blackberries.....pounds.....	4,982	6,331	8,823	7,521
Blueberries....."	5,843	7,096	13,903	13,249
Cherries....."	22,447	26,268	19,925	17,122
Bogon and similar berries...."	2,988	3,812	4,261	3,910
Raspberries....."	11,080	15,267	15,731	14,874
Strawberries....."	36,245	31,354	23,629	20,076
Other fruits....."	27,088	52,526	105,573	95,518
Classification not reported..."	27,816	29,449	35,190	36,312
Total....."	138,489	172,103	227,035	208,582

VEGETABLES, FROZEN

Asparagus.....pounds.....	5,234	4,404	5,554	4,720
Beans, lima....."	13,044	12,557	10,812	10,031
Beans, snap....."	5,453	4,761	14,819	14,043
Broccoli, green....."	1,563	1,109	2,046	2,218
Corn, sweet....."	6,043	5,658	16,235	15,319
Peas, green....."	23,970	27,408	44,317	39,580
Spinach....."	5,195	5,689	11,869	11,562
Other vegetables....."	6,000	10,150	32,862	28,506
Classification not reported..."	8,564	20,608	47,289	44,129
Total....."	75,066	92,344	185,803	170,108

1/ Previously included with "bushel baskets".

(See table on page 8 for February 1, 1944 holdings by geographic divisions)

APPLES: HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE BY STATES

STATE	February 1, 1944				Feb. 1, 1943	
	Barrels	Boxes		Total bushels	Total bushels	
		Western	Eastern		Baskets	
- Thousands -						
Vermont.....	-	-	33	-	33	45
Massachusetts.....	-	2	513	-	513	821
Connecticut.....	-	-	162	-	162	427
New York.....	-	18	1,994	540	2,552	3,710
New Jersey.....	-	12	287	308	607	970
Pennsylvania.....	1	5	197	406	611	1,381
Ohio.....	-	6	94	157	257	620
Indiana.....	-	1	1	53	55	106
Illinois.....	-	17	38	341	396	616
Michigan.....	-	50	276	88	414	719
Wisconsin.....	-	6	-	34	40	92
Missouri.....	-	8	8	139	155	288
Virginia.....	8	13	349	723	1,109	2,525
West Virginia.....	-	5	27	111	143	317
Washington.....	-	6,628	-	-	6,628	8,317
Oregon.....	-	491	-	-	491	454
California.....	-	880	-	-	880	1,321
Other States.....	-	75	166	99	340	934
UNITED STATES.....	9	8,215	4,145	2,999	15,386	23,663

PEARS: HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE BY STATES

STATE	February 1, 1944		February 1, 1943	
	Boxes and bushel baskets	Boxes and bushel baskets	- Thousands -	
			boxes	bushel baskets
- Thousands -				
New York.....	-	21	-	22
New Jersey.....	-	16	-	1
Pennsylvania.....	-	4	-	4
Illinois.....	-	8	-	2
Washington.....	-	59	-	158
Oregon.....	-	166	-	669
California.....	-	123	-	124
Other States.....	-	39	-	27
UNITED STATES.....	-	436	-	1,007

DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

There were relatively heavy withdrawals of creamery butter from storage during January, the net-out-of-storage movement totaling 24.6 million pounds. February 1, 1944, stocks were approximately 130 million pounds about 76 million pounds above the 5-year (1939-43) average. War Food Administration holdings totaled 87.4 million pounds, 69.5 million of which were held by the Dairy Products Marketing Association. Total holdings of creamery butter on February 1, 1943 were less than 16 million pounds. Stocks of cheese were reduced by 8 million pounds or less than half the normal reduction for this period. Stocks on February 1 (142.4 million pounds) were 53.7 million pounds heavier than those of a year earlier and 46.4 millions above average. War Food Administration holdings of cheese totaled 74.7 million pounds with 34.5 million held by the D.P.M.A.

For the first time on record the normal trend of the shell egg situation was reversed. February showed a slight into-storage movement. Frozen egg stocks were reduced materially during the month, the reduction being somewhat heavier than normal. Stocks of 81.7 million pounds on February 1, 1944 were 21.9 millions above February 1, a year ago and 22.4 million pounds above average.

Stocks of frozen poultry showed further increase during January, the net increase for the month totaling 13.6 million pounds. The quantity on hand on February 1, was 239.8 million pounds. This was 97.8 millions above stocks of a year earlier and 71.8 millions above average.

(See tables on pages 8 and 9 for February 1, 1944 holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	February 1	February 1	January 1	February 1
	5-yr. av.	1943	1944	1944
- Thousands -				
CREAM.....	40-qt. cans	129	114	357
BUTTER				
Creamery, total.....	pounds.....	53,794	15,607	154,577
DPMA holdings.....	"	15,627		79,341
FDA and FSCC holdings.....	"	4,497		19,149
*Other stocks.....	"	33,670	15,607	56,087
CHEESE				
American, total.....	pounds.....	102,056	97,103	150,709
DPMA holdings.....	"			53,512
FDA and FSCC holdings.....	"			36,110
*Other stocks.....	"	99,100	97,103	61,087
Swiss including block.....	"	5,276	3,132	1,561
Brick and Munster.....	"	754	325	188
Limburger.....	"	695	487	196
All other varieties.....	"	12,291	12,750	22,853
TOTAL CHEESE.....	"	121,072	113,797	175,507
EGGS				
Shell, total.....	cases.....	207	214	675
Frozen, total.....	pounds.....	59,299	59,781	102,270
Frozen 1/.....	equivalent cases.....	1,581	1,594	2,727
TOTAL EGGS 2/.....	cases.....	1,788	1,808	3,402
FROZEN POULTRY				
Broilers.....	pounds.....	10,125	7,277	14,188
Fryers.....	"	12,269	10,153	20,657
Roasters.....	"	31,769	29,560	42,025
Fowls.....	"	29,739	30,574	68,729
Turkeys.....	"	51,279	37,682	36,635
Ducks.....	"	4,367	2,144	2,396
Miscellaneous poultry.....	"	28,457	14,672	26,602
Unclassified poultry.....	"		9,940	14,929
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY.....	"	168,005	142,002	226,161

* Includes stocks which may be set aside for future delivery to government agencies, stocks held for Army and Navy and some commercially held on which no specific information is available.

** Includes 72,000 cases held by FSCC.

1/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 37.5 pounds to the case.

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 81 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of February 1, 1944, were classified as follows: whites 25 percent; yolks 22 percent; and mixed 53 percent.

MEATS AND LARD

There were unusually heavy accumulations of frozen and cured pork, and lard and rendered pork fat stocks during January 1944. Pork items were increased by 129.6 million pounds and lard and pork fat by 84.6 million pounds. Pork stocks on February 1, 1944 were 643.8 million pounds. This quantity, however, is not greatly in excess of February 1, 1943 holdings. It exceeded a year earlier by 55.4 million pounds and the 5-year (1939-43) average by 32.4 million pounds.

Lard and pork fat stocks totaled 246.4 million pounds. This is 134.5 million pounds heavier than February 1, 1943 holdings and 53.9 millions heavier than average. Frozen and cured beef stocks were increased by nearly 14 million and lamb and mutton stocks by nearly 1.1 million pounds. There was an increase, too, in stocks of frozen and cured trimmings of 8.6 million pounds. The overall meat (frozen and cured) holdings were 1,065 million pounds. This quantity exceeds that of a year earlier by 263.5 million and the average by 250 million pounds.

The total figures include 15.5 million pounds of cured pork cuts and 89.8 million pounds of lard and rendered pork fat owned by the War Food Administration.

(See table on page 9 for February 1, 1944 holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	February 1	5-yr. av.	February 1	January 1	February 1
	1939-1943	1943	1944	1944	1944
- Thousand pounds -					
<u>BEEF</u>					
Frozen.....	82,861	100,018	213,177	228,228	
In cure and cured.....	15,160	7,167	13,578	12,510	
Total Beef.....	<u>98,021</u>	<u>107,185</u>	<u>226,755</u>	<u>240,738</u>	
<u>PORK</u>					
Frozen.....	282,274	265,175	209,848	284,137	
Dry salt in cure and cured.....	88,478	114,520	92,544	1/132,530	
Pickled in cure and cured.....	240,650	208,724	211,855	1/227,131	
Total Pork.....	<u>611,402</u>	<u>588,419</u>	<u>514,247</u>	<u>1/643,798</u>	
<u>LAMB AND MUTTON</u>					
Frozen.....	9,030	24,885	33,172	34,373	
<u>TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL</u>					
Frozen and cured.....	96,469	80,911	137,400	145,993	
TOTAL MEATS.....	<u>814,922</u>	<u>801,400</u>	<u>911,574</u>	<u>1/1,064,902</u>	
<u>LARD</u>	<u>192,496</u>	<u>105,423</u>	<u>147,334</u>	<u>1/230,496</u>	
<u>RENDERED PORK FAT</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>6,444</u>	<u>14,457</u>	<u>1/15,865</u>	

1/ Included in the above figures are 15,493,000 pounds of cured pork cuts and 89,806,000 pounds of lard and rendered pork fat held by FDA and FSCC in storage outside of processors hands.

2/ Previously included with lard.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, FEBRUARY 1, 1944 BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

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Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	South Central	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total	Thousands -	
FRUITS, FRESH													
Apples.....	-	1	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-
Apples.....	5	34	80	15	22	48	3	10	7,998	8,215	-	-	-
Apples.....	864	2,478	410	12	379	-	-	2	-	-	4,145	-	-
Apples.....	-	1,254	672	161	883	16	6	2	-	-	2,999	-	-
Pears, Bartletts.....	-	3	-	-	4	-	-	-	6	13	-	-	-
Pears, Bartletts.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	-
Pears, all other varieties.	-	27	31	6	1	1	1	2	332	401	-	-	-
Pears.....	-	9	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-
FRUITS. FROZEN													
Blackberries.....	72	1,151	1,166	763	700	179	501	55	2,934	-	-	-	-
Blueberries.....	1,460	5,457	4,684	854	499	20	58	61	156	13,249	-	-	-
Cherries.....	243	7,060	5,947	711	472	167	263	873	1,386	17,122	-	-	-
Young, Logan and similar berries.....	63	180	988	289	131	11	67	14	2,167	3,910	-	-	-
Raspberries.....	1,628	5,275	3,442	1,160	295	120	240	40	2,674	14,874	-	-	-
Strawberries.....	11,517	6,088	4,913	1,992	1,364	570	1,036	101	2,495	20,076	-	-	-
Other fruits.....	2,451	46,498	33,163	6,874	4,558	1,219	3,371	4,836	28,860	131,830	-	-	-
DAIRY PRODUCTS													
Cream.....	14	148	36	21	41	1	8	1	30	300	-	-	-
Butter, creamery.....	2,711	24,738	49,600	31,464	602	1,622	2,340	3,070	13,805	129,952	-	-	-
Cheese, American.....	5,068	28,010	66,100	15,752	5,823	3,384	4,209	2,783	11,241	142,370	-	-	-
Cheese, Swiss including block.....	-	203	551	54	12	4	5	1	122	952	-	-	-
Cheese, brick and Munster.....	-	24	97	8	1	-	-	-	109	243	-	-	-
Cheese, Limburger.....	-	49	93	1	-	-	-	-	2	145	-	-	-
Cheese, all other varieties.....	259	8,522	5,026	2,796	106	4,122	306	995	1,609	23,781	-	-	-
Eggs, shell.....	43	289	78	87	24	3	15	12	210	761	-	-	-
Eggs, frozen.....	4,091	19,604	23,574	16,372	3,548	2,665	3,756	820	7,247	81,677	-	-	-

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, FEBRUARY 1, 1944 BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS (CONT'D)

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	- Thousands -			Total
					South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	
<u>FROZEN PIGMENT</u>								
Broilers.....	1,256	2,695	4,574	4,293	955	63	32	240
Fryers.....	"	3,949	7,800	6,694	600	205	80	112
Roasters.....	4,292	13,892	13,203	9,202	235	57	14	532
Fowls.....	3,836	18,050	24,100	16,205	1,633	480	1,522	641
Turkeys.....	"	1,510	6,683	5,487	13,671	675	333	475
Ducks.....	"	212	1,272	461	87	46	1	4,413
Miscellaneous poultry.....	"	1,322	6,094	11,530	4,013	439	3	10,814
Unclassified poultry.....	"	245	2,123	2,091	5,686	627	515	4,413
<u>MEATS AND LARD</u>								
Beef, frozen.....	10,219	39,998	63,752	55,129	11,133	3,546	16,703	6,113
Beef, in cure and cured.....	152	1,391	4,073	5,146	255	255	911	109
Pork, frozen.....	12,238	36,327	32,066	106,725	11,134	5,987	13,141	3,760
Pork, dry salt in cure and cured.....	2,362	5,122	45,052	54,258	5,423	1,672	6,862	12,739
Pork, pickled in cure and cured.....	5,402	11,665	71,098	100,054	7,687	3,176	8,568	7,149
Lamb and mutton, frozen.....	2,353	10,456	3,335	7,718	699	98	2,598	5,385
Frozen and cured trimmings and edible offal.....	6,777	20,217	46,569	43,148	9,831	2,873	4,619	2,614
Lard.....	9,112	73,983	64,452	47,593	15,379	2,332	4,340	145,993
Rendered pork fat.....	411	839	6,156	6,107	226	106	585	8,567

DAIRY AND POULTRY HOLDINGS BY STATES

STATE	Cream (40-qt. cans)	Butter lbs.	American Cheese lbs.	Shell Eggs cases	Frozen Eggs lbs.	Total Poultry lbs.
<u>- Thousands -</u>						
Massachusetts.....	13	2,554	3,262	33	2,594	11,747
Other States.....		157	1,806	10	1,497	1,541
NEW ENGLAND.....		2,711	5,068	43	4,091	13,288
New York.....	91	8,557	14,729	142	8,450	34,541
New Jersey.....	39	9,767	6,475	114	5,217	12,905
Pennsylvania.....	17	6,414	6,806	33	5,937	7,312
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....		24,738	28,010	289	19,604	54,758
Ohio.....	8	5,858	3,732	16	3,848	9,542
Indiana.....		2,264	536	4	1,683	1,780
Illinois.....	6	33,630	8,243	41	15,153	51,407
Michigan.....	8	5,367	1,923	15	1,531	5,843
Wisconsin.....	14	2,481	51,666	2	1,359	3,674
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....		49,600	66,100	78	23,574	72,246
Minnesota.....	10	8,318	1,646	44	2,263	6,422
Iowa.....	3	5,286	13	17	1,591	6,614
Missouri.....	8	8,437	10,420	14	7,483	16,650
Nebraska.....		4,537	147	9	3,030	23,570
Kansas.....		4,124	3,526	3	1,967	7,188
Dakotas.....		762	-	-	38	107
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....		31,464	15,752	87	16,372	60,551
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....		602	5,823	24	3,548	5,210
Kentucky.....		271	571	-	921	1,085
Tennessee.....		1,200	2,369	2	1,400	1,303
Alabama & Mississippi.....		151	444	1	344	592
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....		1,622	3,384	3	2,665	2,980
Oklahoma.....		837	1,449	-	783	496
Texas.....	6	773	2,625	14	2,367	3,099
Arkansas & Louisiana.....		730	135	1	606	979
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....		2,340	4,209	15	3,756	4,574
Colorado.....		721	260	4	484	2,459
Other States.....		2,349	2,523	8	336	3,864
MOUNTAIN.....		3,070	2,783	12	820	6,323
Washington.....		2,952	800	60	1,352	5,321
Oregon.....		1,192	2,353	16	514	3,790
California.....	30	9,661	8,088	134	5,381	10,759
PACIFIC.....		13,805	11,241	210	7,247	19,870
Other States..... (Combined for cream only).....		47				
UNITED STATES.....	300	129,952	142,370	761	81,677	239,800